

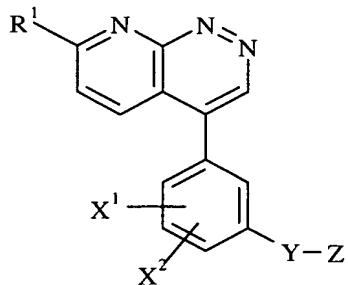
**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 1-10 without prejudice and insert therefore new Claims 11-19. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

11. (new) A compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



(I)

wherein:

X<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy;

X<sup>2</sup> represents hydrogen or halogen;

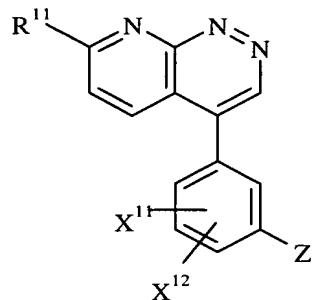
Y represents a chemical bond, an oxygen atom, or a -NH- linkage;

Z represents an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group;

R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen, hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic group, halogen, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, -OR<sup>a</sup>, -SR<sup>a</sup>, -SOR<sup>a</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>COR<sup>b</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>b</sup>, -COR<sup>a</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, -CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup> or -CR<sup>a</sup>=NOR<sup>b</sup>; and

R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> independently represent hydrogen, hydrocarbon or a heterocyclic group.

12. (new) The compound of Claim 1 of formula II A:



(IIA)

wherein:

$X^{11}$  represents hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, trifluoromethyl or methoxy;

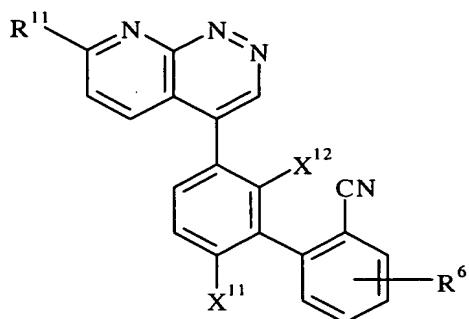
$X^{12}$  represents hydrogen or fluoro;

$R^{11}$  represents hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, halo( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl, dihalo( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl, hydroxy( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl, dihydroxy( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl, di( $C_{1-6}$ )alkoxy( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl, cyano( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$  alkoxy carbonyl( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl,  $C_{3-7}$  cycloalkyl, heteroaryl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl-heteroaryl, heteroaryl( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl, halogen, cyano, trifluoromethyl, formyl,  $C_{2-6}$  alkyl carbonyl,  $C_{2-6}$  alkoxy carbonyl or  $-CR^4=NOR^5$ ;

$R^4$  represents hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl; and

$R^5$  represents hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, hydroxy( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl or di( $C_{1-6}$ )alkylamino( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl.

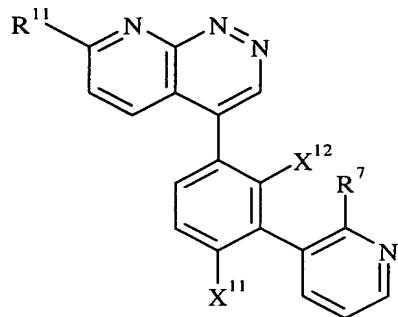
13. (new) The compound of Claim 1 of formula II B:



(IIB)

wherein R<sup>6</sup> represents hydrogen or fluoro.

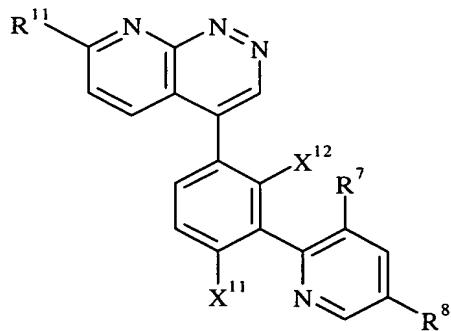
14. (new) The compound of Claim 1 of formula IIC:



(IIC)

wherein R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen, fluoro, cyano or methyl.

15. (new) The compound of Claim 1 of formula IID:



(IID)

wherein R<sup>8</sup> represents hydrogen or fluoro.

16. (new) A compound which is 2'-fluoro-5'-(7-trifluoromethylpyrido[2,3-c]pyridazin-4-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

17. (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Claims 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

18. (new) A method for the treatment of anxiety, convulsions or cognitive disorders, which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of the compound of Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. (new) A method for the prevention of anxiety, convulsions or cognitive disorders, which comprises administering to a patient in need of such prevention an effective amount of the compound of Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.